

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Section (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective May 29, 2000, provides for consideration of continuation of an utility or plant application filed no later than 6 months after the filing date of the original application.

See The American Inventor Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	107105,280
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Group Art Unit	3738
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Attorney Docket No	8032-623-009

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, application may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.51 (as if it was filed) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See 37 CFR 1.465 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which explained RCE procedure.

1 Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a Previously submitted
 - i Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unexamined amendment(s)/reply filed to above will be enclosed)
 - ii Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed _____
 - iii Other _____
- b Enclosed
 - i Amendment/Reply
 - ii Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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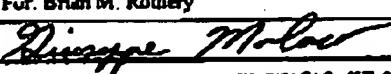
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- a Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 5 months. See under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) required)
- b Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

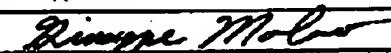
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013:
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$ 770.00
 - ii. Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$ _____ for a _____ month extension, the request for which is being made herewith
 - iii. Other No other fee is believed to be due with the filing of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee(s) which may be due to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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